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BPS Newsletter – Number 16

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Families,

What a huge couple of weeks it has been since our last newsletter. Thank you all for your support and flexibility when we snapped into two days of Remote Learning. We know it was challenging to juggle, but we appreciate everyone doing their best in trying times.

It was so good to see you all upon reopening on Tuesday. We are incredibly lucky to have sustained no damage to the school and as such we were able to return to 'business as usual' quickly. The coming weeks and months will be challenging. Know that we are here and ready to support you and your families any way we can.

Lifeline

Anyone having a personal crisis.

13 11 14

lifeline.org.au

Kids Helpline

Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25.

1800 55 1800

kidshelpline.com.au

Beyond Blue

Anyone feeling anxious or depressed.

1300 22 4636

beyondblue.org.au

HeadSpace

Emotional support for young people.

9366 8800

headspace.org.au

MensLine

Men with emotional or relationship concerns.

1300 78 99 78

mensline.org.au

Grief Line

Anyone experiencing grief, loss or trauma.

1300 845 745

griefline.org.au

Dental Service

The Martin Vale Dentistry van will be attending Bridgewater Primary School on Monday, November 28. You do not need to attend Bridgewater Primary School to receive the services provided, the only requirement is that you are a recipient of Family Tax Benefit A and a Medicare card. Anyone aged between 2-17 is welcome to attend. A consent form is attached to this newsletter, or you are welcome to pop in and pick up a hard copy from the office.

CCTV Installation

Due to a number of incidents and damage to the school in recent times, we are considering installing CCTV to monitor our buildings and grounds, deterring potential offenders and assisting local police with their investigations. We have had a site visit from a DET security advisor to conduct a security audit, as well as Bendigo Security who would be completing the works.

They have recommended the installation of six (6) cameras in the following external locations:

- 1 outside the main entry door,
- 1 looking toward the Eldon St entrance,
- 1 looking towards the mower and sports sheds,
- 2 looking over the undercover area towards the art shed and outdoor classroom/water tank/chickens, and
- 1 mounted high on the corner of the staffroom looking towards the oval.

There are strict processes and policies around the installation and use of CCTV in schools. Footage will only be viewed when an incident occurs. School Council will be discussing this further, deciding if we wish to proceed at our next meeting (Wednesday, November 9). *If you have any questions or would like your feelings heard, please make sure you have a chat to a School Councillor or come and see me before our next meeting.*

Finally, Mr G. is due to become a dad for the second time around, any day now. Katrina Dawborn will be replacing him during his parental leave period. We wish him, Gab and Fin all the very best for their transition to being a family of four, and are looking forward to meeting Baby G 2.0 soon!

Linda Kingsley
Principal

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Kate Chandler

Brittany Martin

Chris Guinane

Respect

Excellence

Relationships

Student Awards

As you are aware, we have made some changes to our awards. We will contact you if your child is winning an award, so you can make arrangements for someone to be there if you wish.

- The **Values Award** to recognise students who are demonstrating skills that are in line with our school values of Respect, Excellence and Relationships.
- The **Environment Award** specifically recognises students who are consistently demonstrating care for the environment.
- The **Aussie of the Month** award at the end of each month, which recognises personal endeavour, achievement and contribution to community. This award encourages an appreciation of diversity, concern and consideration for all members of the school community, and communities nearby in need.

Unfortunately, recent flooding and our resulting school closure meant we were unable to present awards at our first assembly for the term.

Our next Assembly and the first awards for the term will be Week 4, Term 4 - Thursday, October 27.

Award	Student	Reason
Values Award		
Environment Award		
Aussie of the Month		

Calendar – Term 4

Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Monday 24th Breakfast Club Chaplain Tuesday 25th Wednesday 26th Breakfast Club Outdoor Classroom—River Chaplain Thursday 27th Assembly Friday 28th Inglewood PS Colour Run	Monday 31st Breakfast Club Chaplain November Tuesday 1st Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday Wednesday 2nd Breakfast Club Outdoor Classroom—Onsite Chaplain Thursday 3rd MARC Van Friday 4th Inglewood Extension Newsletter Finance Meeting	Monday 7th Breakfast Club Chaplain Tuesday 8th Wednesday 9th Breakfast Club Outdoor Classroom—River Chaplain School Council Meeting Thursday 10th Friday 11th Inglewood Extension Assembly	Monday 14th Breakfast Club Chaplain Tuesday 15th Wednesday 16th Breakfast Club Outdoor Classroom—Onsite Chaplain Thursday 17th MARC Van Friday 18th Inglewood Extension Newsletter



Inglewood PS Colour Run

Don't forget this is on next Friday, October 28th. We will be at IPS all day, engaging in our usual shared program before the run.

Lunch will be provided, however students will need to bring their own morning tea and drink bottles. White t-shirts have been purchased for all students, but they will need old shorts/tracksuit pants to run in.

If you wish to drop off/collect from Inglewood PS directly, this will not be a problem. Please just let us know.

A permission note will be available on UEducateUs shortly.

*Happy Birthday
Amaya & Emily*



Bridgewater PS banking details:

EFT DETAILS: BSB 633-000
A/C 132448242

**YOU MUST MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY SURNAME
IS INCLUDED AS THE REFERENCE!**

**Ask your dentist about the
Child Dental Benefits
Schedule today**

- Access to benefits for basic dental services (capped over 2 years).
- Includes check-ups, X-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

Your child may be eligible if:

- they are aged 2 to 17
- they are eligible for Medicare, and
- you or your child are getting Family Tax Benefit Part A or certain other government payments.

Australian Government
Department of Human Services
humanservices.gov.au/childdental

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 was attached to the last newsletter and is available from the school office, if you wish to order please return orders with money to the school office box by Thursday 27th October or alternatively orders can be placed on line through LOOP.

